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SUBJ: TAQLA'S AVERSION TO ARAB GOVERNMENTS INJECTING
THEMSELVES IN GOL/PLO PROBLEMS

1. ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY STAR SEPT 10 REPORTS "PROGRESS
HAS BEEN MADE TO FORM AN ARAB COMMITTEE TO SUPERVISE
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CAIRO ACCORD (OF 1969, RELATING
TO GOL/PLO RELATIONS) WHICH WILL ALSO ASSIST IN PACIFYING
THE EXPLOSIVE SITUATION IN LEBANON". ARTICLE STATES
GOL FOREIGN MINISTRY MAKING STRENUOUS EFFORTS TO FORM A
COMMITTEE OF ARAB STATES REPRESENTATIVES INCLUDING
CONFRONTATION STATES TO ASSIST GOL. ARTICLE CONCLUDES
THAT FORMER PRIME MINISTER SAEB SALAAM HAS APPEALED
TO KHALID OF SAUDI ARABIA, HASSAN OF MOROCCO AND
BOUMEDIENE OF ALGERIA TO USE GOOD OFFICES VIS-A-VIS
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PLO "TO AVERT FURTHER DETERIORATION OF INTER-ARAB

RELATIONS". DURING CONVERSATION SEPT 9 WITH RAYMOND EDDE WHEN LATTER MOST PESSIMISTIC RE CURRENT LEBANESE SITUATION, HE INQUIRED WHETHER IT MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR USG TO INFLUENCE SAUDIS TO USE THEIR FINANCIAL LEVERAGE ON PLO TO BE MORE UNDERSTANDING OF LEBANESE SITUATION.

2. YESTERDAY, SEPT 10, I ASKED FOREIGN MIN TAQLA WHETHER THERE WAS ANY SUBSTANCE TO STAR ARTICLE. HE WAS NOT EVEN AWARE OF IT AND AFTER I HAD OUTLINED ITS GIST, HE SAID IT WAS UTTER BALDERDASH, THE LAST THING HE WANTED TO DO TODAY WAS TO INCITE ARABS, EVEN FRIENDS, TO INJECT THEMSELVES INTO GOL/PLO PROBLEMS. THESE WERE NOT ONLY MOST DELICATE, DUE TO FIGHTING IN THE NORTH, BUT ALSO HE CONSIDERED PLO REACTION TO SINAI AGREEMENT SO IRRATIONAL AS TO PRECLUDE CONSTRUCTIVE THOUGHT ON ITS PART FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. ONLY AFTER CURRENT SITUATION SIMMERS DOWN A BIT WOULD TAQLA EVEN CONSIDER ACTION OUTLINED BY STAR.
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